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BLOOD COMPONENTS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s), through the undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement. The patents, publications or other information submitted herewith are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and copies are attached, excluding U.S. patents and publications.

European Patent No. EP 0 556 303 (no copy available) is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 5,100,564, and European Patent No. EP 0 879 608 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 6,488,860. The patents and publications listed on Form PTO-1449 were cited in the specification and an International Search Report. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.



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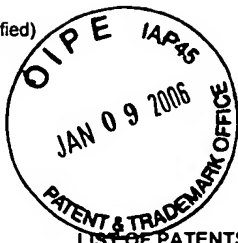
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